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Even by 1967 Dr. Ramström was Director-General of the NTS in Sweden (Nationalföreningen för upplysning om Tobakkens Skadeverkningar; National Association for Smoking and Health). This means that he has been a leader in the movement against tobacco for nearly 20 years, so it is not surprising if he has accumulated a great deal of experience in that time. Material on his background is difficult to obtain, but his doctorate is apparently not in medicine.

Dr. Ramström has been called on to explain Sweden's anti-tobacco legislation (rather like his colleague Dr. Bjartveit), but is not a 'specialist' in this area, as he has also given presentations on tobacco smoke and air quality, educational activity in changing smoking habits, and lung cancer epidemiology. He was among the first to focus on the the 'social cost' issue by claiming that smoking reduces the GNP. He works mainly via the WHO, but also with the UICC, and has also contributed to meetings where neither body was in evidence.

September 1967	First World Conference on Smoking & Health, New York Delegate.
September 1971	Second World Conference on Smoking & Health, London Delegate.
1974	WHO Expert Committee on Smoking & Health, Geneva Temporary Advisor. (The meeting produced the first WHO Report TR 568 "Smoking and its effects on health").
June 1975	Third World Conference on Smoking & Health, New York Speaker.
December 1976	UICC Workshop on Smoking & Lung Cancer, Geneva Participant. (This meeting produced the first "Guidelines on Smoking Control").
1979	WHO Expert Committee on Smoking Control, Geneva Committee Member. (This committee produced TR 636 "Controlling the smoking epidemic").
July 1979	Fourth World Conference on Smoking & Health, Stockholm Organiser and Speaker.

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September 1979	10th International Conference on Health Education, London Participant.
May 1980	Congress: Smoking & Health - political, preventative and therapeutic aspects, Bonn Contributor
September 1980	International Symposium of Socialist countries on Smoking & Health, Lodz. WHO Representative.
March 1981	International Conference on Health Education & the Media, Edinburgh Speaker.
November 1981	WHO Conference on Tobacco and Youth, Venice Speaker.
November 1981	WHO Workshop on Smoking & Health Issues in Developing Countries, Colombo WHO Secretariat.
November 1981	WHO meeting on Prevention & Control of Lung Cancer, Geneva Temporary advisor, Cancer Unit.
April 1982	WHO International Conference on Tobacco & Health, Mbabane Speaker.
September 1982	Societas Europea Pneumologia, Meeting on Lung Cancer, Knokke Speaker.
1983	WHO Expert Committee on Smoking Control in Developing Countries. Committee Member. (This meeting produced the report TR 695).
March 1983	1st Annual ECP Symposium 'Tobacco and Cancer', Brussels Speaker.
July 1983	Fifth World Conference on Smoking & Health, Winnipeg Speaker.
November 1983	Consultative meeting WHO/IATA/ICAO on Aircraft cabin air quality, Geneva WHO Temporary Advisor.
January 1984	International Symposium (Tokai University) on Indoor Air Pollution, Nitrous Oxides and Smoking, Lyngby WHO representative.
June 1984	WHO International Seminar on Smoking & Health, Lusaka Speaker.

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August 1984	3rd International Conference on Indoor Air Quality & Climate, Stockholm Speaker.
November 1984	6th International Symposium on Prevention & Detection of Cancer, Vienna Speaker.
November 1984	WHO/UICC Workshop on Smoking & Health, Khartoum WHO representative.

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